

Handling Fee Monthly Expenditure – FY 03/04 December 6, 2004

Effective January 1, 1993, Assembly Bill 87/Sher established the handling fee program in order to provide an incentive for the redemption of empty beverage containers in convenience zones. From January 1993 through December 1999, the annual handling fee allotment was \$18.5 million. In January 2000, Senate Bill 332 was enacted resulting in the annual handling fee allocation being increased to \$23.5 million and the monthly payment cap per recycling center being increased from \$1,800 to \$2,300. On January 1, 2004, Assembly Bill 28 was enacted which increases the annual handling fee fund to \$26.5 million.

The handling fee fund was not sufficient to pay all the otherwise eligible claims. As a result, a number of eligible recycling centers were denied handling fee payments for the June 2004 period. *****Note: ~ \$21,731.38 is reserved to cover the appeals for FY 2003/2004. The final date to submit appeals for FY 2003/2004 is November 1, 2004. Any money remaining after all appeals are processed will be distributed, based on eligible volume, to June 2004 handling fee participants that were denied due to lack of funds.***

In order to keep handling fee recipients informed, the Division will post the handling fee expenditure each month, as well as the remaining fund balance, on the Department website. The most current information available is as follows:

Handling Fee Month	DR-14 Due Date	Monthly HF Expenditure FY 2003/2004	HF Fund \$26.5 million: Balance
July 2003	09/1/03	\$2,142,371.62	\$24,357,628.38
Aug 2003	10/1/03	\$2,219,279.64	\$22,138,348.74
Sep 2003	11/1/03	\$2,169,979.21	\$19,968,369.53
Oct 2003	12/1/03	\$2,111,916.70	\$17,856,452.83
Nov 2003	01/1/04	\$2,049,742.46	\$15,806,710.37
Dec 2003	02/1/04	\$2,050,009.03	\$13,756,701.34
Jan 2004	03/1/04	\$2,272,931.91	\$11,483,769.43
Feb 2004	04/1/04	\$2,149,755.73	\$9,334,013.70
Mar 2004	05/1/04	\$2,369,032.11	\$6,964,981.59
Apr 2004	06/1/04	\$2,312,810.05	\$4,652,171.54
May 2004	07/1/04	\$2,384,055.81	\$2,268,115.73
Jun 2004	08/1/04	\$2,246,384.35	\$21,731.38
**Jun 2004		\$20,427.69	\$1,303.69

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